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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. EP 711 (Sub-No. 1)

RECIPROCAL SWITCHING

Decided: January 12, 2017

On July 27, 2016, the Surface Transportation Board (Board) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing rules that would allow a party to seek a reciprocal switching prescription that is either practicable and in the public interest or necessary to provide competitive rail service, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 11102(c)(1). On January 9, 2017, the Shipper Coalition for Railroad Competition (Shipper Coalition) filed a motion asking the Board to incorporate all filings and decisions from a predecessor proceeding, Petition for Rulemaking to Adopt Revised Competitive Switching Rules, Docket No. EP 711, into the record of this proceeding. On January 11, 2017, the Association of American Railroads filed a letter indicating that it does not oppose this request.

For reasons of administrative convenience, the Board declines to incorporate the entire record from Docket No. EP 711 into this proceeding. Nevertheless, parties in this proceeding may reference and incorporate portions of the Docket No. EP 711 record without the need to attach the referenced portions to their filings.

It is ordered:

1. The Shipper Coalition's motion is granted to the extent discussed above.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.